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5. (Amended) A lanyard assembly according to claim 4 comprising a mounting bracket, a housing for the reel and a flexible conduit extending between the bracket and the housing and through which the tensioning cable runs.

6. (Amended) A lanyard assembly according to claim 4 comprising a ratchet mechanism which can be set to resist rotation of the reel in the unwinding direction, thereby resisting paying out of the lanyard, but additionally and alternatively can be reset to resist rotation of the reel in the winding up direction, thereby allowing paying out of the lanyard and resisting pulling in of the lanyard while a snatch connection is made up.

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7. (Amended) A lanyard assembly according to claim 6 whereby it is biased towards the set condition and is moved to the reset condition by rotation of a key inserted into the assembly, counter rotation of the inserted key being resisted by a further ratchet mechanism.

8. (Amended) A lanyard assembly according to claim 1 comprising a brake operable to resist paying out of the lanyard at above a predetermined speed.

9. (Amended) A lanyard assembly according to claim 1 comprising a resilient link connected to the lanyard, opposed parts of the link each carrying abutment faces, the respective abutment faces on either side being brought into contact with each other when the link has been deformed by a predetermined amount.

10. (Amended) A lanyard assembly as defined in claim 9 in which the abutments, when in contact, transmit tensile loads applied to the connector^{ed} opposed parts.

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11. (Amended) A lanyard assembly according to claim 9 in which the lanyard has a plurality of ends attached to a connector half at spaced circumferential locations, the link comprising a spreader bar connected between a tensioning cable and the lanyard.

Respectfully submitted,



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